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PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SPEECH AND THE NAVAL QUARANTINE APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTED BY MAJORITY MEXICAN PUBLIC. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, PRESS EXPRESSES UNDERSTANDING OUR POSITION BUT HAS REFRAINED UP TO NOW FROM OPEN ESPOUSAL PENDING CLARIFICATION MEXICAN POLICY UPON RETURN OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS FROM FAR EAST TRIP. (SEE EMBTEL 1362.)

SITUATION THROUGHOUT MEXICO REPORTED CALM WITH NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SO FAR OF COORDINATED COMMUNIST PLANS FOR DISORDERS. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES AVAILABLE TO LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICAN CP LEADERS EXPECT REPRESSIVE ACTS BY GOM AND ARE TO SEEK HIDING PLACES FOR THEMSELVES AND FILES. CP PLANS PEACEFUL MASS MEETINGS IN FAVOR OF CUBA AND WILL PRESSURE STUDENT GROUPS TO HOLD SIMILAR MEETINGS IN UNIVERSITY.

LEADERS OF LEFTIST MOVEMENT OF NATIONAL (MEN) HAVE ~~PROBABLY~~ DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MOVEMENT OF PUBLIC AGITATION AT THIS TIME.

ABSENCE OF COORDINATED COMMUNIST ACTIVITY BELIEVED TO REFLECT CONFUSION AND LACK OF ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN DELIBERATE POLICY. WHEN SOVIET REACTION BECOMES DEFINED LOCAL COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CASTRO. MEXICAN SECURITY FORCES ON ALERT TO PREVENT ANY ANTI-GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-US ACTION. EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE FORCES HAVE CAPABILITY CONTROL LEFTIST EFFORTS.

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